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Attention: Federal-aid Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagan

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SUBJECT: 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 2

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No. 2 submitted with your letter dated May 6, 1997. We accept the amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. The projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR 93.134).

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment No. 2 into California's 1996/97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltrans's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Leslie T. Rogers]

Leslie T. Rogers
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